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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Patent &amp; Trademark Office</i>	<i>Application Number</i>	09/966,793
	<i>Filing Date</i>	28 September 2001
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	David James VAN EPEREN
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1733
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	Jeff H. Aftergut
	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	KCC-16,794

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a.  Previously submitted

i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply

ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declarations

iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3550

i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) | 02/18/2004 SZENDIE1 00000086 09966793

ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17) | 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP

iii.  Other any deficiency in the enclosed fee

b.  Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Title: METHOD OF TUCKING  
REFASTENABLE SIDE SEAMS

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST  
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendment to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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